

AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:00 PM ET, Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The monthly meeting was held via audio-conference and virtual connection with NARA employees.

A quorum of members was present.

President Ashby Crowder called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Ashby Crowder, Treasurer Jimmy Greenlee, Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Byrnes, and Secretary Daniel Dancis, with Vice President Kimberlee Ried joining later.

Meeting Minutes:

Dancis read the January meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

MOTION by Andrea Reidell to approve the minutes as corrected, SECONDED by Jill Snyder. The Motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Greenlee reported on the Local's transactions, assets, spending, and membership for the months November and December 2021, and January 2022.

MOTION by Shannon Kerner to approve the reports as read, SECONDED by Jesse Wilinsky. The Motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

Safety and Health Committee:

No report.

Legislative Committee:

Crowder reported that the upcoming AFGE legislative conference is scheduled for March, with a number of members having shown interest in attending. Anyone still interested should contact Ashby immediately to secure funding.

Organizing Committee:

Crowder reported that currently there are no events planned but that a program regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) grievance is in the works.

Communications Committee:

No report.

Women's and Fair Practices Coordinator:

Crowder reported that Jill Snyder has accepted the position as the new Coordinator. Snyder reported that she is excited to take on this role.

Representational Activity:

Crowder reported that there are a few pending grievances but nothing to consider for arbitration at the moment.

Crowder reported that the MOU extending informal accommodations during the pandemic has been signed. Members should contact a Union Rep with any questions.

Crowder reported that the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) grievance will be filed any day now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS & Q&A Open Discussion:

Crowder reported that the triennial AFGE convention will be held in Orlando, Florida in June. Crowder plans to be in attendance. The convention addresses internal governance of the organization. Crowder mentioned the following as topics for the convention: an increase in the death benefit program and rethinking which local a member is assigned to due to the increase in remote work. Members are encouraged to reach out if you have items to bring up.

A question was raised about email notices sent out regarding NARA's drug testing program that were sent to staff members who do not have clearances yet implied that they did. Ashby recommended talking to your supervisor if this affected you but you may also reach out to him.

MOTION by Jesse Wilinsky to cancel the March members meeting due to the scheduling conflict with AFGE's annual Legislative Conference, SECONDED by Jill Snyder. The Motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

Crowder recognized Jason Clingerman as a new member of the local.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Kimberlee Ried, SECONDED by Jesse Wilinsky. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by President Crowder at 12:26 pm ET.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be held Tuesday April 26, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted February 22, 2022.

Daniel Dancis, Secretary, AFGE 2578